



CITY OF MILPITAS

5

455 EAST CALAVERAS BOULEVARD, MILPITAS, CALIFORNIA 95035-5479
GENERAL INFORMATION: 408-586-3000, www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov

4/21/2015

Agenda Item No. 5



ATTACHMENT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEM AFTER AGENDA PACKET DISTRIBUTION



Mary Lavelle

From: John S Craycroft [craycroftdesign@mac.com]
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2015 10:22 AM
To: Mary Lavelle
Subject: Public Parks and Naming at 450 Montague: Captain Calvin Valpey
Attachments: Captain Valpey Biography.pdf

To: Members of the Milpitas City Council

It has come to my attention from reading the minutes of the February 2 meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission that the City Council has been given four names for consideration for the name of the proposed park at 450 Montague. It appears that this decision will be made at the upcoming meeting on April 21. If this is the case and the decision has not yet been made, I would suggest that the name of Captain Calvin Valpey would be an excellent choice.

Calvin Valpey was an early pioneer and developer in the area having captained the schooner "Eagle" with 14 others, crew and passengers, from Nova Scotia to San Francisco in 1851. Sailing to Sacramento, he tried his hand at gold mining, and was even called upon to chair vigilante meetings for a time, but soon found his sailing skills with the trade in goods to be more profitable with Dixon/Warm Springs landing as his base to provide miners coming in to the Mission San Jose area for supplies. In 1860 he was able to send for his family to come and bought a 400 acre ranch where he raised 6 children and many grandchildren, with many descendants are still living in California. It is not well known but quite some time ago the ridge behind his ranch stretching from Mission San Jose to the east of the City of San Jose was named Valpey (sometimes spelled Valpe) Ridge, but no parks, streets or public places appear to have been named for this prominent pioneer.

I am attaching a pdf file with additional information.

Thank you for your consideration of naming the park in his name.

John Craycroft

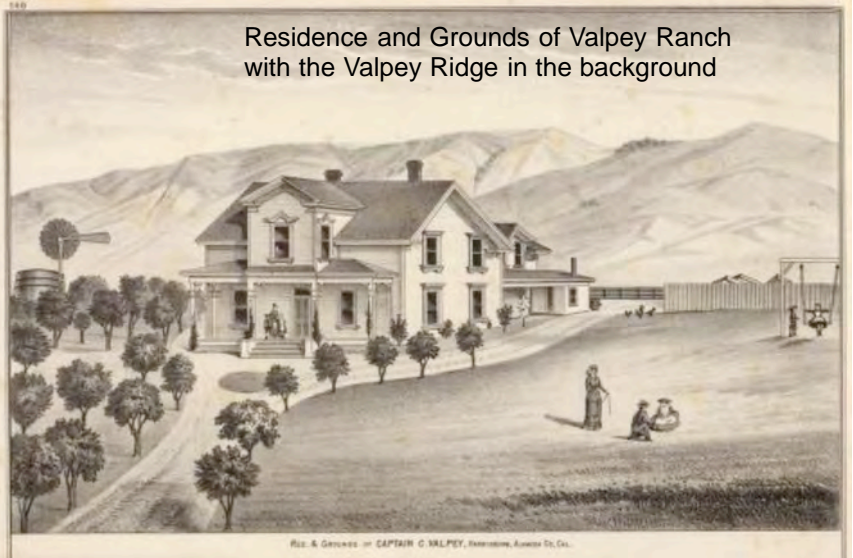
Craycroft Design
Residential Design and Planning
Specializing in Historical Restoration
Serving San Francisco and Monterey Bay Areas
Certified Professional Building Designer #05-636
CA Contractor License #468-608
831-427-3048
408-470-0138



Calvin Valpey

camp was almost deserted. With his capital tied up

Residence and Grounds of Valpey Ranch
with the Valpey Ridge in the background



Rev. & Genl. J. M. CAPTAIN C. VALPEY, Treasurer, American Co. Co.

in this spring, and his mining stories, jokes, and wise sayings years sat lightly, and none of us dreamed of his being specially sorry that he could not see A. J. Loomis, of the plains. Upon the little mound where lies the man we loved, we can only lay a leaf of memory and of respect for his qualities as a friend, a father, a citizen. May peace rest upon the house of mourning, and may his sons be manly and noble, as was their father. Such quiet, untroubled lives as his are the best hope of the nation."

CAPTAIN CALVIN VALPEY (deceased).—The subject of this sketch, whose portrait appears in this work, was born in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, on the 10th day of March, 1806. When quite an infant, his father, who was a seafaring man, and master of a small vessel, was wrecked on one of the Tusket Islands, and lost with all his crew. At the age of seven years he was apprenticed to a sea-captain, with whom he lived and faithfully served during his apprenticeship. His first voyage at sea was made when twelve years of age, and from that time he continued to follow the sea, as boy, able seaman, and officer, until the year 1832, when he first took charge as captain. In the year 1833 he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Gardner, the eldest daughter of the then late Captain Reuben Gardner, of Yarmouth. After his marriage he principally followed the sea; but having purchased some property in the country, he sometimes occupied his time in farming. On the 9th day of November, 1850, he left Yarmouth in the schooner *Eagle* for California, and, passing through Magellan's Straits, he arrived at San Francisco on the 20th day of April, 1851. For some years after his arrival in California he followed several occupations, such as boating, mining, merchandise, etc., but principally boating from the Warm Springs Landing, of which place he was the original proprietor. In the year 1860, his wife and children having arrived in California, he purchased the property at Harrisburgh, where he resided until his death, which occurred September 12, 1880. He leaves a wife and six children, three sons and three daughters, all of whom, except one daughter, are residents of the Pacific Coast. Their names are: Emma, Calvin, Horatio, Lizzie, Charles, and Alice.

HON. HENRY VROOMAN.—The subject of this sketch, whose portrait appears in this volume, was born at Litchfield, Hillsdale County, Michigan, July 25, 1844. At the age of eight years he accompanied his mother to Oregon, and after a short stay in Portland, located on a farm on the east bank of the Willamette River between Milwaukee and Oregon City, where he resided four years, attending school at Forest



CENTER FOR
CREATIVE
LAND
RECYCLING

*Redesigning Land for
Sustainable Communities*

March 23, 2015

Honorable Mayor Jose Esteves and Members of City Council
City of Milpitas
455 East Calaveras Boulevard
Milpitas, California 95035

RE: Lennar's Project Located at 400 and 450 Montague Expressway

Dear Mayor Esteves and Members of City Council:

On behalf of the Center for Creative Land Recycling ("CCLR"), a nonprofit organization founded on the belief that intelligent, innovative land use is the key to ensuring a healthy future for both communities and our environment, I am writing to strongly urge the City Council to approve Lennar's development project located at 400 and 450 Montague Expressway. The transformation of this underutilized light industrial and brownfield site into a transit-oriented residential development is exactly the type of development that Bay Area cities should be encouraging.

CCLR, as the official Technical Assistance to Brownfields ("TAB") provider to the federal EPA Regions 2, 4, 9, and 10, provides workshops, technical assistance, research and advocacy for changing brownfields and similarly derelict redevelopment sites into rational economic choices for private sector investment (<http://cclr.org/>). Lennar's 400 and 450 Montague Expressway project represents an exciting opportunity in continuing to bring to life the City's Transit Area Specific Plan (TASP).

CCLR has learned from its experience the difficult challenges that cities face in redeveloping urban infill brownfield sites in today's environment when public resources are increasingly scarce. Incentivizing private investment by establishing clear development guidelines, reliable ground rules, and working in cooperative partnership with the development community are crucial tools for successful development.

Thus, CCLR strongly encourages the City Council of Milpitas to approve Lennar's development project at your April 21st hearing.

Sincerely,

Evan Reeves, Policy Director

cc: Vice Mayor Carmen Montano
Councilmember Debbie Indihar Giordano
Councilmember Gary Barbadillo
Councilmember Marsha Grilli
Tom Williams, City Manager
Steven McHarris, Planning and Neighborhood Services Director
Shaunn Mendrin, Senior Planner
Kevin Ma, Lennar Multifamily Communities
Chad Kiltz, Lennar Homes